

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 12, 13 and 19, and amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7 to 11, 14 to 18 and 20 as follows (pursuant to revised 37 CFR 1.121, a complete claim listing is provided below):

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A fishing net and flashlight combination, comprising:
2 a single tubular handle;
3 an annular ring attached to an end of the tubular handle, the ring having a netting
4 material attached thereto; and
5 a flashlight holder comprising a first resilient clamp assembly that clamps over
6 the tubular handle of the fishing net, said first resilient clamp assembly comprising a pair
7 of opposing side sections having arcuate inner surfaces that accommodate an outer
8 surface of the tubular handle of the fishing net, the side sections being resiliently urged
9 toward each other to clamp against the outer surface of the tubular handle and secure the
10 flashlight holder to the tubular handle; and
11 a flashlight secured to the flashlight holder and attached to the tubular handle via
12 the flashlight holder and positioned to direct a light beam toward the ring to facilitate
13 landing fish in low light conditions.

1 2. (Canceled).

1 3. (Canceled).

1 4. (Currently Amended) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to
2 claim 1 3, wherein the side sections have flared outer ends that define an opening along a
3 length of the first clamp assembly between the opposing side sections to allow the first
4 clamp assembly to be snapped onto the tubular handle.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to
2 claim 1 2, wherein the structure for securing the flashlight holder to the flashlight
3 comprises a second resilient clamp assembly that clamps over a housing of the flashlight.

1 6. (Original) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to claim 5,
2 wherein the second resilient clamp assembly has substantially the same structure as the
3 first resilient clamp assembly.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to
2 claim 1, wherein ~~the flashlight is attached to the tubular handle of the fishing net by a~~
3 ~~flashlight holder, and said flashlight holder comprises a~~ said first resilient clamp
4 assembly is formed of flexible plastic.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to
2 claim 1, wherein the flashlight has a housing and said a flashlight holder ~~which~~ is

3 permanently attached to or integral with the housing, ~~and the flashlight holder comprises~~
4 ~~a resilient clamp assembly that clamps over the tubular handle of the fishing net.~~

1 9. (Currently Amended) The fishing net and flashlight combination according to
2 claim 1, wherein ~~the flashlight is attached to the fishing net by a flashlight holder, and~~
3 ~~wherein the flashlight holder comprises a resilient clamp assembly that clamps over the~~
4 ~~tubular handle of the fishing net, said resilient clamp assembly comprising a pair of~~
5 ~~opposing side sections, a notch is formed in each of the opposing side sections, and a~~
6 safety strap extends ~~extending~~ through the notches and around the tubular handle to
7 ensure the flashlight holder does not become detached inadvertently from the tubular
8 handle.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A flashlight and flashlight holder for attaching the a
2 flashlight to a fishing net, comprising:
3 the flashlight having a housing and a lamp at one end thereof;
4 the flashlight holder having a base which is permanently attached to or integral
5 with the housing of the flashlight;
6 ~~a means on one side of the base for securing the flashlight holder to a tubular~~
7 ~~housing of a flashlight; and~~
8 the flashlight holder further comprising a first resilient clamp assembly on one
9 ~~another~~ side of the base for attaching the flashlight holder to a single tubular handle of a

10 fishing net, said resilient clamp assembly comprising a pair of opposing side sections
11 having arcuate inner surfaces that accommodate an outer surface of the tubular handle of
12 the fishing net, the side sections being resiliently urged toward each other to clamp
13 against the outer surface of the tubular handle and secure the flashlight holder to the
14 tubular handle.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The flashlight and flashlight holder according to claim
2 10, wherein the side sections have flared outer ends that define an opening along a length
3 of the resilient clamp assembly between the opposing side sections to allow the resilient
4 clamp assembly to be snapped onto a tubular handle of a fishing net.

1 12. (Canceled).

1 13. (Canceled).

1 14. (Currently Amended) The flashlight and flashlight holder according to claim
2 10, wherein the first resilient clamp assembly is formed of flexible plastic.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A flashlight holder for attaching a flashlight to a
2 fishing net, comprising:
3 a base;

4 a means on one side of the base for securing the flashlight holder to a tubular
5 housing of a flashlight; and
6 a first resilient clamp assembly on another side of the base for attaching the
7 flashlight holder to a tubular handle of a fishing net, said resilient clamp assembly
8 comprising a pair of opposing side sections having arcuate inner surfaces that
9 accommodate an outer surface of the tubular handle of the fishing net, the side sections
10 being resiliently urged toward each other to clamp against the outer surface of the tubular
11 handle and secure the flashlight holder to the tubular handle;

12 ~~The flashlight holder according to claim 10,~~ further comprising a notch formed in
13 each of the opposing side sections, and a safety strap extending through the notches and
14 around the tubular handle to ensure the flashlight holder does not become detached
15 inadvertently from the tubular handle.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The flashlight holder according to claim 10, wherein
2 said ~~means for securing the flashlight holder~~ is secured to the flashlight ~~by~~ comprises an
3 adhesive that secures the base of the flashlight holder to the housing of the flashlight.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The flashlight holder according to claim 10, wherein
2 said ~~means for securing the flashlight holder~~ is secured to the flashlight ~~by~~ comprises the
3 base of the flashlight holder being formed integral with the housing of the flashlight.

1 18. (Currently Amended) A fishing net for use at night, comprising:
2 a single tubular handle having a first end and a second end;
3 an annular ring attached to the first end of the tubular handle, the ring having a
4 netting material attached thereto; and
5 a flashlight removably attached to the tubular handle between the first and second
6 ends of the handle, the flashlight being positioned to direct a light beam toward the first
7 end of the handle to facilitate use of the fishing net in low light conditions, wherein the
8 flashlight is attached to the fishing net by a first resilient clamp assembly formed of
9 flexible plastic that clamps over the tubular handle of the fishing net, the first resilient
10 clamp assembly comprising a generally tubular sleeve having an opening along one side
11 that allows the tubular structure to expand and snap over the outer surface of the tubular
12 handle of the fishing net.

1 19. (Canceled).

1 20. (Currently Amended) The fishing net according to claim 18, wherein ~~the~~
2 ~~flashlight is attached to the fishing net by a flashlight holder, and wherein the flashlight~~
3 ~~holder comprises a resilient clamp assembly that clamps over the tubular handle of the~~
4 ~~fishing net, said resilient clamp assembly comprising a generally tubular sleeve having an~~
5 ~~opening along one side that allows the tubular structure to expand and snap over the outer~~
6 ~~surface of the tubular handle of the fishing net, a pair of notches~~ are formed in the tubular

- 7 sleeve, and a safety strap extends ~~extending~~ through the notches and around the tubular
8 handle to ensure the flashlight holder does not become detached inadvertently from the
9 tubular handle of the fishing net.